

## Appointments



### Jeremy Lyle Warner, MD, named Editor-in-Chief of JCO Clinical Cancer Informatics

PROVIDENCE – **JEREMY LYLE WARNER, MD, MS, FAMA, FASCO**, has been appointed as the next Editor-in-Chief of JCO Clinical Cancer Informatics (JCO CCI), an American Society of Clinical

Oncology (ASCO) journal. JCO CCI is an online-only interdisciplinary journal with a primary focus on how information systems help us learn from and improve cancer care, how they interact with each other, and how they serve to advance the field of cancer medicine.

Dr. Warner is a board-certified oncologist with Lifespan Cancer Institute and a professor of medicine at Brown University, member of Brown Medicine, the Legorreta Cancer Center, and Director of the Center for Clinical Cancer Informatics and Data Science (CCIDS).

He has served as an editor for JCO CCI for 7 years and previously served on editorial board of JCO Oncology Practice. He has authored more than 130 journal articles and 6 book chapters and co-founded the COVID-19 and Cancer Consortium (CCC19).

“I am thrilled to follow in the footsteps of the inaugural Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Debra Patt, MD, PhD, MBA, FASCO, who has positioned JCO CCI as one of the leading journals in the growing field of cancer informatics,” said Dr. Warner. “I look forward to growing our scope and impact as the field of oncology, along with all fields in medicine, increasingly embraces advanced analytic approaches in what must be a responsible and ethical manner.”

Dr. Warner received his medical degree from Boston University and completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at University of California San Francisco and his fellowship in hematology/oncology at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center at Harvard Medical School. He also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the University of California San Diego.

Dr. Warner began serving as JCO CCI Editor-in-Chief on June 1, 2023. ❖



### Dr. Nancy Meedzan named PC's inaugural chair for new department of nursing

PROVIDENCE – Providence College (PC) has selected **NANCY MEEDZAN, DNP, RN, CNE, NEA-BC** as the Inaugural Nursing Department Chair in the College's new School of Nursing and Health Sciences. Dr. Meedzan, who is currently a

professor and dean of the Cummings School of Nursing at Endicott College in Beverly, Massachusetts, will begin her tenure at PC on July 1. Dr. Meedzan will also be appointed to the faculty as a professor of nursing.

She currently serves as president of the Massachusetts Association of Colleges of Nursing, an organization comprising all the deans of the commonwealth's nursing programs, and she serves as an evaluator for the New England Commission of Higher Education.

After graduating from Boston College in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing, Dr. Meedzan began a nearly 20-year nursing career that involved working at several Rhode Island and Massachusetts hospitals and other medical facilities. Her academic career began at Endicott, where she was appointed an adjunct faculty member in 2004. She became an assistant professor in 2006 and advanced through the faculty ranks, becoming dean in 2019. Dr. Meedzan has also taught at North Shore Community College, Northern Essex Community College, and Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University. She earned a master's degree in nursing at Salem State University in 1999 and a doctorate in nursing practice degree from Regis College in 2012.

A committed scholar whose primary interest is in global health, Dr. Meedzan is currently co-investigator of an international study of the impact of COVID-19 on patients living with HIV. She is the co-editor of the textbook *Global Health Nursing in the 21st Century*, and she has taken students on short-term immersion experiences to places such as Guatemala, South Africa, and the Dominican Republic to study the delivery of compassionate nursing care in places challenged to provide healthcare resources.

PC's first nursing students will begin studies in August. ❖

## Recognition



### Lifespan's Chief DEI officer Christin Zollicoffer selected by Becker's Hospital Review

PROVIDENCE – Lifespan's Chief Diversity Equity and Inclusion Officer **CHRISTIN ZOLLICOFFER** was selected by Becker's Hospital Review to be included in their 2023 list of "Hospital and health system diversity, equity and inclusion officers to know."

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) officers featured on the list are responsible for tackling health disparities, fostering inclusive workforce cultures, instituting business resource groups, providing educational training sessions and more.

The list honors DEI officers for their dedication to bettering their hospitals and health systems. The leaders are crucial to the successes of their respective organizations, and the list recognizes the importance of their contributions and significance of their accomplishments.

As Lifespan's chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer, Zollicoffer works to increase diverse representation at all levels of the organization, and to ensure that DEI considerations are incorporated into decision-making processes with the goal of fair and equitable treatment for all. She also cultivates strategic relationships to ensure that Lifespan serves as an agent for transformative change in the community ❖



### Newport Hospital's Crista Durand recognized by Becker's as 'Women Hospital Presidents to Know'

NEWPORT – Newport Hospital President **CRISTA DURAND** is among the individuals named to Becker's Hospital Review 2023 list of "Women hospital presidents and CEOs to know."

The 177 presidents and CEOs featured on this list are responsible for growing their hospitals, fostering positive workforce cultures, expanding services and facilities, increasing provider and patient satisfaction levels, and more.

This list honors female hospital executives for their dedication to bettering their hospitals for patients and providers alike.

In their profile of Durand, Becker's stated:

"Ms. Durand takes ownership of Newport Hospital's strategic, financial, clinical and operational functions. Under her leadership, the hospital is able to recruit leading physicians, meet community health needs and deliver quality care. Ms. Durand's career has centered on planning, strategy and execution, skills that assist the hospital in achieving positive financial margins and exceptional care delivery. She is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives."

Durand was appointed President of Newport Hospital in 2014. She holds a bachelor's degree in financial management from Salve Regina University in Newport and a master's in business administration from Nichols College in Dudley, Massachusetts. Durand is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives. ❖

### Rhode Island State Psychiatric Hospital (RISPH) accredited by The Joint Commission

PROVIDENCE – The recently opened Rhode Island State Psychiatric Hospital (RISPH) has been accredited by The Joint Commission, following a two-day survey during which the facility demonstrated compliance with all standards for psychiatric hospitals. Joint Commission representatives assessed the hospital's adherence to standards that address 19 areas, including life safety, environment of care, medication management and emergency management.

The hospital, which opened on Oct. 25, 2022, is now accredited for three years, with its next review expected in 2026.

"I want to extend my sincere gratitude to all of our staff for their hard work, collaboration, and assistance to ensure that our Joint Commission survey would go well," said RISPH CEO **IRINA BEYDER**. "The surveyors were impressed...that the nursing, pharmacy and the medical staff work closely together, and the environment of care documentation was very organized and well prepared. This is a credit to our hard-working staff." ❖

### Newsweek names W&I's 5-Ribbon hospital among its America's Best Maternity Hospitals 2023 list

PROVIDENCE – To help patients pick the best hospital for their family's needs, *Newsweek* and the global market research and consumer data firm Statista announced their ranking of America's Best Maternity Hospitals in 2023.

The list names the top 384 leading hospitals for maternity care in the U.S., divided into two performance categories: five ribbon hospitals (159 institutions) and four ribbon hospitals (225 institutions). Within each category, hospitals are listed in alphabetical order. The evaluation is based on three data sources: a nationwide online survey in which hospital managers and maternity healthcare professionals (e.g., neonatal care providers and OB/GYNs) were asked to recommend leading maternity hospitals; medical key performance indicator data relevant to maternity care (e.g., a hospital's rate of cesarean births); and patient satisfaction data (e.g., how patients rated a hospital's medical staff for responsiveness and communication).

<https://www.newsweek.com/rankings/americas-best-maternity-hospitals-2023> ❖